



ECDAN Knowledge Fellows Program Application

Deadline: 5:00 p.m. EST on July 22, 2020

ECDAN is a global network dedicated to expanding the impact of Early Childhood Development (ECD) programs and policies by connecting stakeholders across regions and sectors to take collective action.

ECDAN is launching its Knowledge Fellows Program. This is the first year.

The main purpose of the program is to create opportunities for learning, professional development, networking, and service for young professionals and graduate students to increase their interest and engagement in the field of global ECD, and in so doing, to further the aims and goals of ECDAN's Knowledge and Learning Exchange Platform.

Who can apply to be a Knowledge Fellow?

For the first year of the program, applicants must be a Master's or PhD student, or a recent post-doc in an ECD-related field, or a young professional with less than 5 years of work experience in the Global ECD field.

How will the Knowledge Fellow benefit from the program?

- Exposure to global ECD field
- Networking opportunities including with fellow peers globally
- Visibility on the ECDAN platform
- Receive mentoring in ECD
- Development of a global good / community to advance the field
- Academic/research development
- Develop leadership and project management skills

What will a Knowledge Fellow do?

The Knowledge Fellow will undertake the following responsibilities, under the supervision and support of the ECDAN secretariat and one or two assigned ECDAN mentors:

1. Co-define with the Secretariat a Knowledge & Learning Project
2. Co-develop their Terms of Reference and deliverable with the Secretariat and a Mentor
3. Lead the implementation of their project under the supervision of the Secretariat and Mentor
4. Participate in the review of their experience and contribute to the improvement of the Knowledge Fellow Program
5. Participate in the recruitment and onboarding of the next phase of Knowledge Fellows Program

What types of projects will the Knowledge Fellow work on?

The Knowledge & Learning projects can include a wide range of activities that will be co-defined with the ECDAN Secretariat. Ideally, the project will align with the priorities of the Secretariat & the interest of the Knowledge Fellow. The projects can include (but are not limited to) a range of activities:

- Supporting an initiative within an existing global Community of Practice
- Supporting an initiative that will facilitate cross-country learning
- Facilitating collaborative development of a Global Good, such as a tool, literature review, online thematic page on a particular issue, and other assets of global value.
- Conducting reviews and analysis of existing global initiatives on a particular theme.
- Developing a case study on a particular initiative
- Facilitating a collaborative curation of resources for a particular knowledge area
- Facilitating knowledge dissemination through blogs, webinars, conference & presentations
- Other ideas that emerge based on the needs of the global ECD community

How long is the commitment of a Knowledge Fellow?

4 to 6 months, 6 to 10 hours per week

What support can you expect from ECDAN?

- Mentorship on a regular basis from an international scholar and hopefully a local one
- Financial support of 2000.00 USD
- You may apply for funds to attend an ECD conference to present your project.

Application Process

- 1. Complete the 1-page description of your proposed project (see below headings to use).**
- 2. Complete your CV (see below headings to use)**
- 3. Submit your proposal and CV to info@ecdan.org by 5:00 p.m. EST on July 22, 2020. Use subject "Knowledge Fellows Application"**
- 4. Request from a recent past or current academic advisor a letter indicating your suitability to undertake the project. Have this letter sent separately to info@ecdan.org by 5:00 p.m. EST on July 22, 2020. Use subject "Knowledge Fellows Reference"**
- 5. Questions about the application process may be sent to info@ecdan.org using subject "Knowledge Fellows Question".**

ECDAN Knowledge Fellow Application

Please download this application form and complete. Please save it with your last name in place of where the document title says “LASTNAME”. Thank you.

I. Submit a 1-page description of your proposed activity using the following headings:

Select 1or 2 Tracks – Please see the Annex for a detailed description of the tracks.

Track #1: Nurturing Care Fellow	
Track #2: ECD Financing Fellow	
Track #3: Playful Parenting Fellow	
Track #4: Systems for ECD Fellow	
Track #5: Multi-sectoral ECD Coordination & Governance Fellow	
Track #6: Early Learning Fellow	
Track #7: ECD Policy Fellow	
Track #8: ECD in Fragile & Humanitarian Contexts Fellow	
Track #9: ECD Measurement Fellow	
Track #10: Inclusive ECD Fellow	

Proposed Topic within the track:

Deliverable: (e.g., report, measure, webinar)

Background: (Suggested length: ¼ page)

(Please briefly outline the aims and objectives of your project. Then provide background material that explains the rationale for your aims and objectives.)

Methodology: (Suggested length: ¼ to ½ page)

(Please give details of the approach you intend to adopt to develop your knowledge product. If you want to collect data, please indicate the country/culture within which the research will take place.)

Outcomes and Value: (Suggested length: ¼ page)

(Please indicate the expected outcomes of your work and the significance to the field of Early Childhood Development and to ECDAN)

When do you propose to conduct your project (specify months/year and provide a timeline):

II. ECDAN Knowledge Fellow Applicant's CV and letter from a referee.

Please complete and submit your CURRICULUM VITAE of 1-page, using the following headings. Submit your CV along with your Proposal.

NAME

PERSONAL DETAILS

Current occupational/educational position:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

EDUCATION (include only post-secondary)

EMPLOYMENT

TRAINING AND CONSULTING

RESEARCH INTERESTS and ACTIVITIES

PUBLICATIONS including conference presentations

Short-listed applicants may be asked to supply additional information.

III. Reference Letter. Ask a recent past or present academic advisor to submit a 1-page letter recommendation separately indicating your suitability for the project and send to info@ecdan.org by 5:00 p.m. EST on July 22, 2020.

Mentorship:

The program will match a mentor with you. However, if you have a mentor in mind that you think would be a good match and interested, then please share their contact information here:

- I don't have a mentor in mind. Please assign a mentor to me.
- I have a mentor in mind. Please contact:

Name of Mentor: _____

Position & Institution: _____

Mentor Email: _____

Annex 1. Knowledge Fellowship Tracks

The following are the fellowship tracks that are available. One fellow will be selected for each track based on their interest and academic background. In your application, please indicate the 1-2 track(s) you are interested in and why you would be a suited candidate. Please review the range of activities possible within the Fellowship application above and generate a proposal for one or two of the tracks below. Additionally, regardless of the track, all Knowledge Fellows will complete a set of dissemination activities related to their project including webinars, newsletter articles, blog posts, and/or conference presentations. This component should be included and considered in all the applications.

1. Track 1: Nurturing Care Fellow

The Nurturing Care Fellowship track will be focused on generating a knowledge product related to multi-sectoral initiatives for children aged 0-3.

2. Track 2: ECD Financing & Costing Fellow

The ECD Financing Fellowship track will focus on a generating a knowledge product in the area of global ECD financing & costing.

3. Track 3: Playful Parenting Fellow

The ECD Playful Parenting Fellowship track will focus on generating a knowledge product in the area of Parenting for children 0-8, with a special focus on the inclusion of Play.

4. Track 4: Systems for ECD Fellow

The Systems for ECD Fellowship track will focus on generating a knowledge product in the area of understanding systems approaches to implementing ECD initiatives at scale.

5. Track 5: ECD Multi-Sectoral Coordination & Governance Fellow

The ECD Multi-Sectoral Coordination & Governance Fellowship track will focus on generating a knowledge product in the area of multi-sectoral coordination, implementation, and governance of ECD initiatives across sectors, nations, and various levels of government.

6. Track 6: Early Learning Fellow

The Early Learning Fellowship track will focus on generating a knowledge product in the area of early learning and education for children 0-8 and includes themes of childcare, preschool, learning at home etc.

7. Track 7: ECD Policy Fellow

The ECD Policy Fellowship track will focus on generating a knowledge product in the area of understanding ECD policy issues and initiatives across sectors, including Health, Education, Child Protection, Social Protection, and other relevant sectors.

8. Track 8: ECD in Fragile and Humanitarian Contexts Fellow

The ECD in Fragile and Humanitarian Contexts Fellowship track will focus on generating a knowledge product in the area of ECD within fragile, humanitarian, and emergency contexts.

9. Track 9: ECD Measurements Fellow

The ECD Measurements Fellowship track will focus on generating a knowledge product in the area of measurements for ECD across sectors, development stages, program and

population scale.

10. Track 10: Inclusive ECD Fellow

The Inclusive ECD Fellowship track will focus on generating a knowledge product in the area of initiatives on ECD for children 0-8 with special needs and disabilities.

If you have further questions on the tracks, please send an email to info@ecdan.org with the subject "Knowledge Fellows Question". The tracks are left open ended to give you scope to be innovative. The winners of the fellowship will jointly develop an initiative with the ECDAN Secretariat which may be modified from the submitted application.